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DX

By W5LUU

The CQ World Wide Phone DX Contest of the week end of October 24 didn't seem to generate the interest of past years. Not nearly as many W's of Dx in there exchanging numbers. Let's hope that the CW end of the affair in November turns out better. See a late issue of CQ for details. How about a little local competition? We are in Zone 04, by the way.

Have heard VK9AD, Norfolk Is., lately on SSB, 14305, and CW, 14045, putting in a good signal around 2200 CST. FF8AC/GN in Guinea has been active around same time on CW, 14040, pasing out rapid fire QSO's. Should count as separate from normal FF8. HC8LUX was expedition station to Galapagoes recently working CW and SSB. QSL to WOlux. VP2MX, Danny of Yasme fame, has been active recently on CW and SSB, 14075 and 14305 respectively.

W5HHE now running 600 watts to a pair of HK-54's (gud ole triodes) with a 3 element beam up to 50 feet has been working some good ones lately. He hooked VU2AJ the other morning (0630, beam south). Reports AC-5PN was active same day but missed him. Ray is getting up near the 100 worked mark.

Ten meters has really been hot lately but have received no reports of activity on that band. Hear VK's as late as 2230 CST and band is open to Europe and Africa by 0630, maybe earlier.

Why says it takes high power to work 20 fone? K5MZH, Coby, was working some DX during fone contest with his 20 watts.

How about a few reports on what you are working, working on, and running? I am sure others would be interested in reading about it. Call DI2-5100.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party will be held this year at Shadowland on Blanco Road Saturday, December 20th. The party will consist of dinner and dance, for the total cost of $3.25 each. Tickets are available at Modern Radio, Radio and T.V. Parts, and Perry Shankle. Be sure and get them early, and avoid the last minute confusion.

S.A.R.C. LADIES NEWS

Sidney Clark was complimented with a Baby shower by the Group on October 5th.

All the ladies present thoroughly enjoyed the programs given by Cauthorn's on Flower Arrangements and the film on candle making. Frances (W5KQG), gave us a very interesting demonstration on gift wrapping and decorations using Tie Tie Ribbon.

New faces at the last meeting were Lou Durst, XYL or K5PVI, and Pat Sykes, XYL of W5MZS. Welcome to our club and we hope you enjoyed our meeting and will come back.

The club will again collect clothes, canned goods, or cash donations to be presented to the Christmas Clearing Bureau. Bring your contributions to the club meetings in November or take them to the Crump residence at 82 Pilgram. Ths is a very worthy cause and we feel that all the ladies will want to participate.

Our thanks go to the Kings for the

wonderful dinner and party they gave for us at Comanche Park recently.

The Ladies Club is going to decorate the room for the Christmas Party again this year, and from the sound of things that have been discussed lately, it's really going to be nice.

VHF AND UP

European TV signals are once again being received in San Antonio as the Maximum Useable Frequency begins to rise toward 50 mc. The winter months October-February, will offer the opportunity for 50 mc F2 contacts with Europe and later to Africa. So, America, Oceania, and the Far East. Several stations in San Antonio already have 5 of the necessary 6 continents for a special 50 mc WAC.

Some frequencies to check for the rising MUF are 41.5 mc (London audio), 45 ms (London video), 48.25 mc London audio), and 49.75 mc (Moscow video). The following DX countries are known to be on 50 mc: CT1, CT3, EI, F, G, JA, KH6, KL7, SM, SP, VK, VQ2, ZE2, ZL. W5VY holds a record with 21 countries on Six!

To check for F2 or Transequatorial openings to South America, don't forget the NBS-IGY beacon stations (AO) on 49.88 (OA3AAF), 49.92 (OA3AAE) and 49.96 (CE8AE). They identify in CW every half hour. And if you brush up on your Spanish, you can easily knock of a few of the Latins on Six.

Good Luck, Cal, W5LFM

MOBILE

By W5EJT

The San Antonio Radio Club held its monthly transmitter hunt on Oct. 5th. Six hunters were out and Cole Crump W5DKF came in first. He will hide the transmitter for the November hunt. W5OZQ was second again, it seems like he is in a rut. W5FND came in third. There were some hunters that went in the wrong direction, but we are not mentioning any names.

W5SOI, Charlie has been on 75 mobile to and from work lately. He is working at the WOAI KENS transmitter site which gives him a lot of time to operate the mobile rig.

Glad to hear John W5VI back on 75 again. We haven't heard you on mobile in a long time.

Another one of the 75 meter gang is back in town, K9GIR, Denny. Welcome back Denny, we missed you.

We hear that Frank W5HVU has a vfo finished for a new mobile rig. Theo W5OZQ has just about finished his all band mobile rig.

I don't get to monitor all the bands as often as I would like to, so if anyone has any news of other activity, let's hear from you and we will be glad to pass it along in this column each month.

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SINGLE SIDE BAND

This column is being written under Duress . . .

I am being supervised by my faithful wife and kibitzed by two shady characters who will remain anonymous for reasons known only by close friends and their Doctors, . . .

There are a few new hopefuls going SSB in the near future, however only one is due mention in this issue. This Gentleman has been among numerous other groups but this is the height of His Career. Even building his own. Just like the Ole Days when everyone used Bull Durham. Welcome to Side-Band BUBBA. For you what don't know this gent by this new Title you may remember him as Lil Chubby, W5DKF . . .

It has been discovered during the last week end that SSB is not the answer to everything, during the early part of the late DX contest there was one station in Houston who got up at an early in the twilite hours to find the 20 Meter band closed and the only station who she could hear was located in San Antonio. K5BJU DE K5GUH da di da.

AREC FOR SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

During the month of October the 1958 Simulated Emergency Test was held. This took place on Sunday, October 12 at 1515 on the frequencies of 3.855 Mc., 29.6 Mc, 7.250 Mc., and 145.2 Mc. Traffic was originated for National Civil Defense Headquarters from the local Bexar County CD Director. There were 17 stations taking part in this activity. The net control stations were: 3.855 Mc, K5GUH & W5MAD; 145.2 Mc W5FND; 29.6 Mc W5EDZ when not on one of the other frequencies. 7.250 Mc was used for traffic as well as 29.64 Mc. Hope

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to see more of you in the next drill as it is only with your help that this program can exist. During the month four new members applications were reecived: Beverly O. Bush W5-MAD, A. Reid Sykes K5MZS, James H. Knauss K5OZO and Frank Limberger W5HVU. Hope to see more sign up for this program in the months to come.

73's
Ray W5EDZ

GUTTER DOPE

Gene W5EJT is getting all the blacksmith work done on his SSB final using four 4-65's, and it sure sounds like it is going to be the thing.

A little news from the Hunts' ex W5DKK, has it that John has worked 43 countries since he has been stationed in Okinawa. His call over there is KH6JR. His XYL "Joe" has a Viking 1 that she is burning up the ether with.

I wonder where Gene Kintz W5-FJX has been keeping himself lately.

Odds are being given that Willard W5FND will never get that new Apache transmitter built that he has ordered.

Chuck K5DMK has really been busy here of late with phone patch traffic, T.V.I. trouble shooting, etc. That boy has really been losing a lot of sleep we have been led to believe.

The Robert Clarks' W5OIK have recently moved into their new home in Hollywood Park, near the QTH of Ralph and Inez Cole. It is really a beautiful place. (Comes dreams of antenna farms.)

Don Fitzsimons K5GYJ and his XYL announced a few days ago that they were expecting twins. Congrats folks, we all hope you get what you ordered.

W5OZQ and W5FAR have been doing some more playing around with six and twelve volt transistor power supplies, and hope to have something else to bring before the club in the form of a back-up program to supplement the one on transistor power supplies that Dave gave some time ago.

I don't know if all the hams in this area have heard of the Physics course being given over T.V. (pardon the expression) or not. For those of you who have not, it is called Continental Class room. It is on Channel 4 from six thirty to seven every week day morning, and you can get full college credits (three hours) for the course. For those of you who have not been in on it, you have really been missing out on some good info. You can register for credit either at St. Mary's or Trinity. For more info. call Dr. Hamm W5FMG at St. Mary's U.

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